

Application No. 10/702,316; Group Art Unit: 1616
Response dated January 21, 2008
Reply to Office Action of August 21, 2007

REMARKS

Claims 93-110 are currently pending in the instant application. Claim 110 has been rejoined in the present application by the Examiner pursuant to Applicants' Response to a Restriction Requirement in the previous Office Action.

Applicants are appreciative of the Examiner's decision to rejoin Claim 110 in the present application.

The sole issue remaining in the present application is the Double Patenting rejection of Claims 93-110.

Double Patenting

Claims 93-110 are rejected for obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 11, 12, and 13-18 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,394,230 ('230).

For purposes of expediting the prosecution of the present application to allowance and issuance of a patent, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome the rejection of Claims 93-110 over U.S. 6,394,230.

The Examiner is kindly requested to enter the Terminal Disclaimer and to issue a Notice of Allowance with respect to Claims 93-110.

Fees

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (or credit any balance) deemed due (or owing), including the Fee for Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d), to Deposit Account No. 50-1177.

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Favorable reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance of Claims 93-110 are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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